

**Idaho State Historical Society
Historical Library, State Archives and Idaho Oral History Center
Quarterly Report – January-March 2005
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Overview:

Ongoing activities: Organize monthly family history workshops; submit articles to and edit *Mountain Light*; process collections; data entry into Re:discovery; shelve boxes at the Archives building; organize map collection; supervise volunteers and interns; participate in various Lewis and Clark and Oregon-California Trails Association activities; arrange and index records from Elmore, Ada, Nez Perce, Alturas, Latah, Bear Lake, Teton, Alta, Logan and Kootenai counties, and Supreme Court; work with state and local officials on various records management and legislative issues; coordinate NHPRC/SHRAB grant and Idaho Geographic Names Board activities; coordinate with ZGA and Ormond Construction on various issues with the Idaho History Center; work on IHC-funded project to publish a book on the life of Idaho mule packer Jesus Urquides.

Additions to Library's Turbo Tower: Sanborn Maps (new), 1890 Nez Perce County (new), Idaho Naturalizations (updated), Idaho Biographical Index (updated). Submitted to ISHS website: Idaho Biographical Index (new), Guide to Vital Records at the Library and Archives (updated).

Personnel:

Troy, as chair, and Linda served on the program committee for the upcoming Pacific Northwest History Conference/Northwest Oral History Association meeting. This semester's BSU student interns are Nancy Rohan ('rotating') and Whitney Wood (oral history). New volunteers include: Glen Newkirk, Ellen Haffner, Katherine Lovan, Tyson Chaplin, Jeanne Cannon, Cyndi Coulter, and Dave Crawforth. Volunteer/intern hours donated: 1,001 hrs.

Gifts and Acquisitions:

- 33 book titles, including 4 yearbooks
- 1,334 cu. ft. of government records
- 2 manuscript collections (additions to existing collections - 4 cu. ft.)
- 5 photograph collections
- 26 microfilm rolls (newspaper - 24, other - 2)
- 16 oral history interviews (approx. 34 hrs)
- 200 periodicals
- 1 compact disk

Other:

New records added to Re:discovery: 50 book titles, 11 manuscript collections, 17 maps, 1 compact disk, 36 oral history interviews, 10 microfilm titles, 1 photograph collection, 6 moving image titles, 4 videos, and 1,764 boxes/volumes of State Archives material. A total of 37 orders for photographic images were processed for a billing of \$2,690.00 (net \$1,044.00). Billings for 36 requests for permission to use photographic images netted

\$625.00. 25 oral history publications were sold and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$976.25.

Programs Presented/Attended:

Southwest Idaho (Boise unless otherwise indicated)

- Jan 5 – records management and archives presentation for Commission on Aging – Steve W. (6)
- Jan 6 - records management and archives presentation for Dept. of Finance – Steve W. (9)
- Jan 7 - records management and archives presentation for Division of Public Works Steve W. (8)
- Jan 8 – tour of Archives building for Ada County Records Center staff (4)
- Jan 14 - records management and archives presentation for Weiser Police Dept. – Steve W. (5)
- Jan 18 - “Immigration and Naturalization Records” for workshop series – Steve B., Linda, Bonnie Fuller (19)
- Jan 18 - records management and archives presentation for Dept. of Insurance – Steve W. (23)
- Jan 21 – oral history presentation for RiverStone Community School – Troy (25)
- Jan 24 – “Mailing May” for antique collectors group – Steve B. (6)
- Jan 25 - “Immigration and Naturalization Records” for workshop series – Phyllis, Linda, Bonnie Fuller (8)
- Jan 27 – quarterly SHRAB meeting
- Jan 26 – “English Probate Court Records” for workshop series – Ron Hill (25)
- Feb. 2 - oral history presentation for RiverStone Community School – Troy (37)
- Feb. 3 – “The Idaho State Archives: What’s In It For You?” for Legisladies – Steve B., Steve W., Rod – (50)
- Feb. 9 – exhibit for “Digital Days” at the Statehouse – Rod, Steve B.
- Feb 15 – “Repositories Nationwide and Worldwide Web” for workshop series – Steve B. (11)
- Feb. 19 – “The Latest on Peg-Leg Annie” for Treasure Valley Genealogical Society Steve B. (14)
- Feb 22 - “Repositories Nationwide and Worldwide Web” for workshop series – Phyllis (3)
- Feb 23 – “Boise County Graves” for workshop series – Jo Crandall and Jerry Branson (25)
- Mar 10 – tour of Library for LDS group – Steve B. (12)
- Mar 14 - oral history presentation for RiverStone Community School – Troy (13)
- Mar 15 – “Writing Your Family’s History” for workshop series – Steve B. (9)
- Mar 18 – Preserving Our Past” for Owyhee County Historical Society, Murphy – Steve B. (50)
- Mar 19 – photo preservation presentation for Treasure Valley Genealogical Society – Linda (8)
- Mar 22 - “Writing Your Family’s History” for workshop series – Steve B. (9)
- Mar 23 – “Outdoor Idaho Roundtable” for workshop series – Steve B. and guests (21)

Mar 23 - records management and archives presentation for Dept. of Homeland Security
– Steve W. (7)
no date provided – 7 tours of the Archives building – Rod, Steve W. (17)

North Idaho

Mar 28–April 1 – records pickup (Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, Coeur d’Alene, Moscow, Lewiston, Grangeville) – Steve W., Steve B.
Mar 29 – “Reconstructing an 1890 Census” for Twin Rivers Genealogical Society, Lewiston – Steve B. (13)

Southeast Idaho

Jan 13 – SHRAB presentation, Jerome – Steve W. (21)
Feb 11 – oral history presentation for Theatre Arts class at ISU – Troy (6) Note: the presentation itself took place in Boise and was delivered via distance learning
March 6-8 – inspection of INL records facilities and records management presentation - Steve W., with SHPO staff (15)
Mar 29 – oral history presentation for history methods class at ISU – Troy (20)

Calendar of Events:

Out of State

April 17-18 – Northwest Archivists/Society of CA Archivists/Council of Intermountain Archivists, Las Vegas - Linda
April 26-28 – Library of Congress States workshop, Washington D.C. – Steve W. (LOC is picking up all expenses)
May 16 – memorial event commemorating the death of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, near Arock, OR - Larry
May 19-20 – quarterly SHRAB meeting (in conjunction with Wyoming and Montana), West Yellowstone, MT – Steve W., Linda

Southwest Idaho (Boise, unless otherwise indicated)

Apr 27 – book discussion of *Only a Few Bones* by Dr. John Colletta for workshop series - Steve B.
April 29-30 – Pacific Northwest History Conference/Northwest Oral History Association meeting – Troy, Kathy, Linda
Apr 30 – Dr. John Colletta (nationally-known genealogical lecturer) for workshop series
May 25 – book discussion of *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: the Civil War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863*, by Edward L Ayers for workshop series – Steve B.

Southeast Idaho

April 4–8 - records pickup – Steve W.

North Idaho

May 9-11 – presentation for Law Enforcement Information and Records Management Association of Idaho, Post Falls – Steve W.

Patrons/Visitors:

Staff reports that 1,465 patrons signed in at the front desk and 6 at the Archives (compared to 1,555 for the same quarter in 2004). 30 libraries requested materials via Inter-Library Loan services and 1,515 general reference and public record requests via letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 1,351 for the same quarter in 2004). Rod reports that the 877 public record requests involved materials from 58 different counties, cities, State agencies, and commissions. Approximately 52 items held downstairs and 87 collections held at the Archives building were brought to the reading room for patron use.